

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 13 are in the case. Claims 3 – 13 were indicated to be allowed. These claims remain in the case.

Claims 1 and 2 were objected to as having informalities. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to incorporate the language kindly suggested by the Examiner.

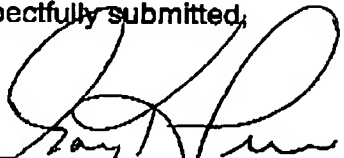
Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mazzarins (U.S. Patent No. 3,648,782). Mazzarins shows a pair of lower cylinders having one end of each cylinder pivotally attached to the rear portion of the bulldozer below the upper cylinder, and opposite ends of the lower cylinders pivotally attached to the blade at ball joints (60). Claim 1 as amended now shows a pair of lower hydraulic cylinders wherein one end of each cylinder is pivotally attached to the rear portion of the bulldozer below the upper hydraulic cylinders, and opposite ends of the lower cylinders are pivotally attached to the frame, rather than the blade as shown in Mazzarins.

CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks above it is felt that the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number identified below.

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